

Important! Rainwater Reminder

Be sure that your rain gutters and all other outdoor drains are not connected to the city's sanitary sewer system. Such connections are illegal!

Too much rain run-off can flood the sewer pipes, causing sewage to back up into homes or overflow from manholes and spill into our creeks and ocean. Most sewer pipes are only eight inches in diameter, and are not designed to handle rainwater. So rainwater from even a few homes can cause the sewer pipes to flood.



Overflowing Manhole Cover

If you have questions, concerns, or need more information, call the El Estero Waste Water Treatment Facility at (805) 897-1910.

Youth Programs Offer Fun, Friendship, Learning

Children seven to 17 years old can enjoy a variety of after-school and weekend programs offered by the Santa Barbara Police Activities League and the City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department.

The fun begins in January with a visit to Big Bear for 40 teens to play in the snow, ride inner tubes, and visit the Big Bear zoo. This year's trips also include occasional overnight camping, and weekend visits to fun places like Magic Mountain.

In Santa Barbara, structured programs for tutoring, computer training, digital editing, recreational sports, plus Flamenco and Hip Hop dance classes will be held at the Carrillo Recreation Center, 100 East Carrillo Street. Program times are Monday through Thursday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. All programs are low cost and scholarships are available. For more information, call the Police Activities League at (805) 962-5560.



Sheffield Reservoir Construction Update

Final phase work on the Sheffield Water Quality Project got underway in November 2003.

The project will construct two, 6.5 million gallon underground reservoirs to replace the existing open reservoir now being demolished. Two temporary, 1.5 million gallon aboveground tanks currently in place will provide service during construction.

The site will eventually become a 23-acre landscaped open space with hiking trails, and more than 500 new trees.

Life-Saving Skills to Start the New Year

You can help save a life by learning CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), first aid, or AED (automated external defibrillator) skills.

When a person's heart or breathing stops, timing is critical. Steps taken in the **seconds** following such an incident can mean the difference between life and death.



Starting in January, City of Santa Barbara Fire Department personnel will offer training in CPR, basic first aid, and AED. All classes will include written materials and hands-on instruction at the Fire Department training facility.

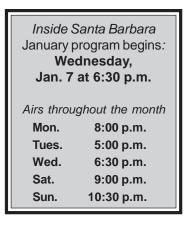
Sign up today or get course details by calling the Santa Barbara Fire Department at (805) 965-5254.

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